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There were even more attempts by some members of Congress last week to direct a sole source contract for the Air Force tanker to Boeing.

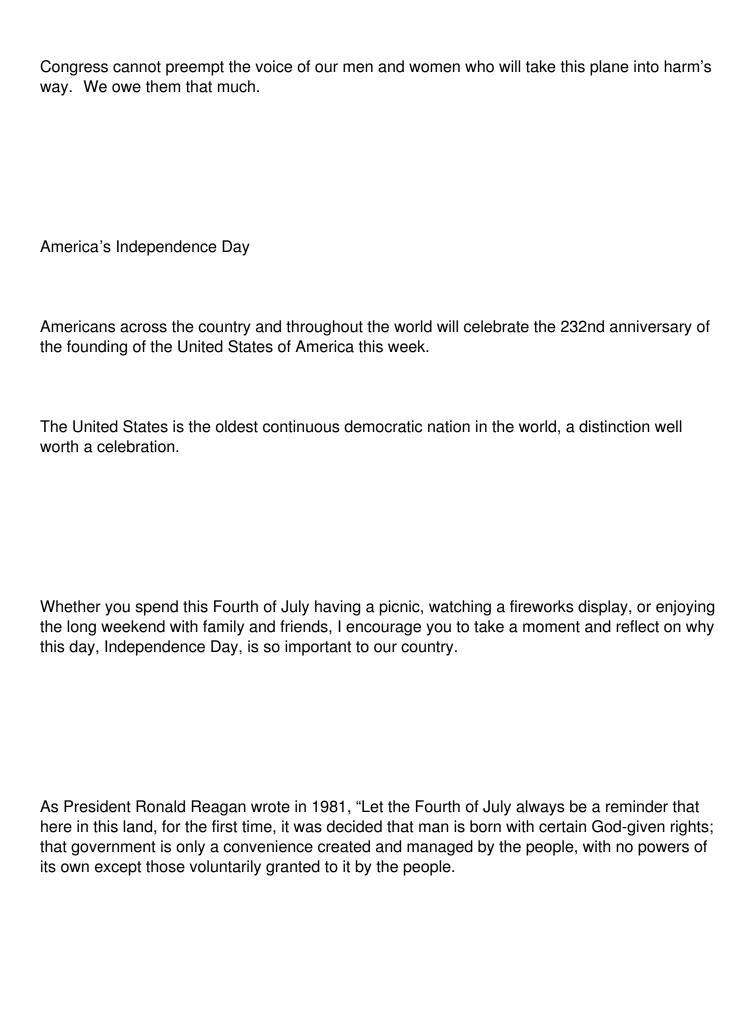
Last week Congressman Todd Tiahrt (R-KS) introduced legislation, the KC-X Recompete Act, which would require the Air Force to re-bid the \$40 billion tanker contract that was awarded to Northrop Grumman in February.

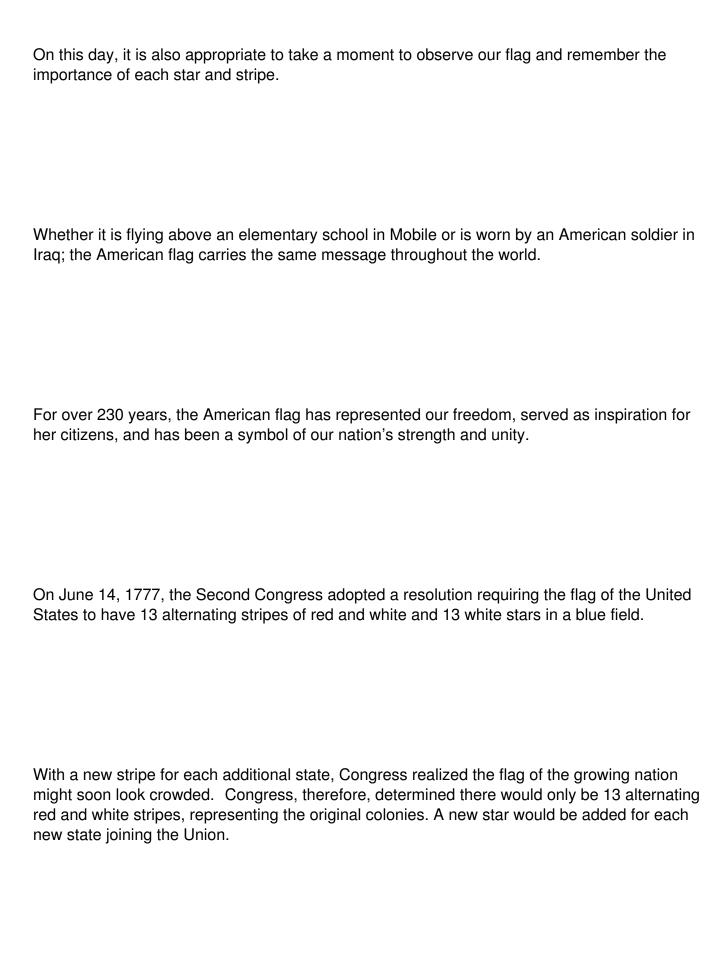
The message of this tactic is clear: if the warfighter wants a new tanker to replace its 50-year-old fleet anytime soon, it has one choice, Boeing's KC-767.

This Act tells the warfighter—take the 767 – take it or leave it – or face years of delay to conduct a new competition.

Keep in mind, Boeing's 767 is a plane the Air Force determined was second best to the more capable, more modern, more fuel efficient Northrop aircraft – an aircraft, I am proud to say, which will be built in Alabama.
Yes, the GAO noted procedural errors in the source selection process but said its ruling did no reflect on the merits of the two aircraft.
There is no equivocation about which plane the Air Force wants – and desperately needs – Northrop Grumman's KC-45.
Some in Congress have repeatedly tried to take this decision away from the warfighter.
The Pentagon is now on a 60-day clock to decide what to do about the GAO ruling.

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